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Docket No.: 49657-217

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Shigeki OHBAYASHI :
Serial No.: 09/196,136 : Group Art Unit: 2133
Filed: November 20, 1998 : Examiner: Guy Lamarre
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING BONDING
OPTIONAL FUNCTION

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Noting the Decision on Petition mailed July 9, 2002, wherein the Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment filed May 6, 2002 is DISMISSED, applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

As noted in the Decision, an Official Action dated January 19, 2001 was mailed in the above-identified application. A thorough search has been made of the undersigned's docketing systems, which indicate that the January 19, 2001 action was never received. The Action sets a three month shortened period for response, which would have been due by April 19, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the automated docket of our Docketing Department for the above application, as well as a copy of the page from the Docket Book of the undersigned's secretary for the due date of April 19, 2001. The official action due date does not appear on either docket record listing. Under normal docketing

procedures in this Law Firm, the due date would have appeared on these docket records had the January 19, 2001 Action been received. Furthermore, upon obtaining a copy of the USPTO records, it has been determined by attorney of record that the Action dated January 19, 2001 was mailed to attorney of record's previous address, despite an electronic Change of Address filed by email under Customer No. 020277 on August 29, 2000, a partial copy of which is enclosed.

Based on the above, as well as the previously filed Request, it is respectfully requested that the Action date be reset, that the Action be remailed, that the abandonment be rescinded and the application be returned to pending status.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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